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COMPLEX COMPRISING AT LEAST TWO BIOSPECIFIC ELEMENTS SEPARATED BY A NUCLEIC ACID LINKER E.G. FOR IDENTIFICATION OF DRUG DELIVERY CANDIDATES. COMBINATORIAL LIBRARY OF SUCH COMPLEXES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 23, 2004

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

An $\mbox{{\sc Appendix}}$ is attached following the signature page of this paper.